

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The present application is related to both application Serial No. _____(20003-7003)10/628,749 entitled „ APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PAD TRANSFERPRINTING„ and application Serial No. _____(20003-7010)10/628,750 entitled „ APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ANIMATION PRINTERPAD PRINTING„ and both filed on even date herewith. These applications hereby expressly incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] Pads of note paper, such as Post-It® brand sticky note pads available from 3M Corporation of Minnesota, are well known. These pads include stacks of pages releasably secured to each other with a tacky adhesive that permits an individual page to be removed from the pad and re-adhered to another surface. This feature of releasable securement to successive surfaces is a desirable trait of these products.

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] Figure 1 is a block perspective view of a preferred embodiment of the present invention for a pad printing system; and

[0016] In some implementations, image transfer engine 110 uses a printing system that consumes a print resource during the transfer process (e.g., toner in a laser printer or ink in an inkjet printer). ~~Pad printing system 100~~ transfer system 100 may provide for replaceable resource sources 125 (e.g., an ink cartridge or toner cartridge) or provide for replacement of a complete image transfer engine 110 that is new or refurbished with a fresh supply of the resource.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] ~~Pad printing system 100~~transfer system 100 includes a processing unit for controlling the functions, and includes memory for storing program instructions and, in some cases, images in a format suitable for use with image transfer engine 110. This memory may include portions that are volatile, non-volatile or some combination. In some implementations, ~~pad printing system 100~~transfer system 100 includes one or more image access ports 130, coupled to the controller, memory, or directly to image transfer engine 110. Image access port 130 is a receiver/receptacle adapted to operatively mate with memory modules storing one or more images for application using ~~pad printing system 100~~transfer system 100, or for coupling to another device or source of images, such as, for example, a computing system, a camera, a scanner, a video camera, or the like. Some implementations and embodiments of the present invention include rechargeable batteries to power the transfer functions. ~~Access port~~Image access port 130 may be integrated into a docking station for receiving, storing, powering and otherwise interfacing to the image transfer system or to an image capture system, or both. The docking system may be used for systems lacking the rechargeable batteries.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] In some implementations of the preferred embodiment, pad transfer system 100 includes a display 135 for reproducing a facsimile of an image to be transferred, or transferred by, image transfer engine 110. Display 135 also provides feedback during control or operation functions. A portion of display 135 provides feedback regarding the status of the image transfer process, such as that pad transfer system 100 is ready to begin transfer, transfer is ongoing, and/or transfer has completed.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] A control system 140 includes one or more buttons coupled to the controller for actuating an image transfer process, selecting an image for transfer, accessing images through ~~access port~~ image access port 130. In the preferred embodiment, control system 140 includes a PRINT button, the actuation of which initiates an image transfer process.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] ~~Print-Transfer~~ registration system 115 receives pad 120 and positions one transfer medium of the plurality of transfer media at a location to cooperate with image transfer engine 110 in the image transfer process. Pad 120 of the preferred embodiment is a stack of uniformly sized transfer medium elements (e.g.,

sheets of paper, though other substrates or materials are possible, including Mylar film, decals, [et cetera] and the like) releasably secured to each other. In the preferred embodiment, pad 120 is a stack of sticky note pads, like the Post-It® sticky note pad product. Registration system 115 locates the topmost transfer medium at the print position and holds pad 120 during the image transfer process.

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] In some embodiments, registration system 115 may position the bottommost transfer medium, or some other portion of pad 120. Registration system 115 may include [an] adapter/cartridge 127 for holding pad 120 during image transfer. Such an adapter/cartridge 127 is configurable to permit registration of different sized pads 120 (size differing in thickness and/or peripheral dimensions).

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] Registration system 115 also includes, in some implementations, a stripper 145 for pulling a single transfer medium off pad 120, either before image transfer or after. Stripper 145, depending upon its functions, may be implemented in numerous different ways. A simple implementation includes a blade or roller that slides

between a sheet and the remainder of [the] pad 120 to lift, separate and remove the sheet.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] It is understood that pad ~~print-transfer~~ system 100 may also be implemented as a simple device without the display, ~~access port~~ image access ports, and controls. When inserting pad 120 sufficiently far into registration system 115, image transfer begins. An LED is illuminated while the transfer process is in progress. When the LED extinguishes, pad 120 is removed with one of the pages bearing the transfer image.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] In operation, a user loads pad 120 into registration system 115 that in turn locates one of the transfer medium at the desired location. A user selects a particular image for transfer, either from internal memory or from an external source through image access port 130. The selected image is viewed on display 135, and the user actuates the PRINT button to initiate the transfer system. When the transfer process is completed, the transfer medium, either individually or as part of pad 120, is removed from pad ~~printing system 100~~ transfer system 100.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] Figure 2 is a perspective view of the preferred embodiment implemented in an image capture/print system 200 including a roller as ejection mechanism 145 shown in Figure_1. System 200 is configured similar to pad transfer system 100 as shown in Figure 1, and includes an image capture portion (e.g., camera, video camera or scanner). The camera includes a charge-coupled device (CCD) for collecting an image from a desired field-of-view, with the collected image stored into the memory or sent directly to image transfer engine 110 for transfer to pad 120. When the capture system is integrated into a housing, such as housing 105 as shown in Figure 1, the memory and controller may be shared between the capture system and ~~[[[[[[[[[[[the]]]]]]]]]]]~~pad transfer system 100. When physically distinct, ~~access port~~image access port 130 may transfer images from the capture system to the transfer system. When integrated, a shutter control of the image capture system may also initiate operation of ~~[[[[[[[[[[[the]]]]]]]]]]]~~image transfer engine 110.